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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Satoshi Watanabe
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REMARKS TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

These remarks are responsive to the Office Action ("Action") dated September 10, 2003 and are filed before expiration of the three month shortened statutory period. Applicants provide the present remarks to address the issues raised in the Action pursuant to the rules stated in revised 37 C.F.R. 1.121 that became effective on July 30, 2003.